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NARCOTIC DRUGS

Report of the Social Committee

1. The Social Committee considered the question of narcotic drugs (agenda item 21) at its 7th to 13th meetings, on 13 to 19 July 1993. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on the update of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (A/48/178-E/1993/70);

(b) Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-sixth session (E/1993/29); 1/

(c) Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 1992 (E/1993/45);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme on the administrative arrangements to ensure the full technical independence of the International Narcotics Control Board (E/1993/94).

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Supplement No. 9 (E/1993/29).

2. At its 7th to 12th meetings, on 13 to 16 July 1993, the Committee held a general discussion on the item. At the 7th meeting, on 13 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Director of Treaty Implementation of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, and by the President of the International Narcotics Control Board.

3. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), the Bahamas and Suriname.

4. At the 8th meeting, on 13 July, statements were made by the representatives of Turkey, Kuwait and Poland.

5. At the same meeting, the representatives of the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations made statements.

6. At the 9th meeting, on 14 July, statements were made by the representatives of Austria and China.

7. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, statements were made by the representatives of Chile and Peru, and the observers for Myanmar and Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries).

8. At the 11th meeting, on 15 July, statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, the United States of America, Belarus, Mexico and India, and the observers for the Czech Republic and Bolivia.

9. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Cuba and the Philippines, and the observer for Slovakia.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-sixth session

10. Chapter I of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its thirty-sixth session (E/1993/29) contained nine draft resolutions and six draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council. Programme budget implications of draft resolution VIII contained in the report were set out in annex II to the report.

11. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Chairman informed the Committee that draft resolutions I to VII and IX and draft decisions I to VI contained in the report had no programme budget implications.

Demand reduction as part of balanced national strategic plans to combat drug abuse

12. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "Demand reduction as part of balanced national strategic plans to combat drug abuse" (see para. 31 below, draft resolution I).

Frequency of and arrangements for meetings of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe

13. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled "Frequency of and arrangements for meetings of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Europe" (see para. 31 below, draft resolution II).

Demand for and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs

14. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution III, entitled "Demand for and supply of opiates for medical and scientific needs" (see para. 31 below, draft resolution III).

Measures to prevent substances listed in Schedules III and IV of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 from being diverted from international trade into illicit channels

15. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution IV, entitled "Measures to prevent substances listed in Schedules III and IV of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 from being diverted from international trade into illicit channels" (see para. 31 below, draft resolution IV).

Control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

16. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution V, entitled "Control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances" see para. 31 below, draft resolution V).

Implementation of measures to prevent the diversion of precursor and essential chemicals to illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

17. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution VI, entitled "Implementation of measures to prevent the diversion of precursor and essential chemicals to illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances" (see para. 31 below, draft resolution VI).

Promoting the use of memoranda of understanding to facilitate cooperation between customs authorities and other competent administrations and the international trading community, including commercial carriers

18. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution VII, entitled "Promoting the use of memoranda of understanding to facilitate cooperation between customs authorities and other competent administrations and the international trading community, including commercial carriers" (see para. 31 below, draft resolution VII).

Measures to assist in the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988

19. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution VIII, entitled "Measures to assist in the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988" (see para. 31 below, draft resolution VIII).

Implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control

20. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution IX, entitled "Implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control" (see para. 31 below, draft resolution IX).

Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

21. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft decision I, entitled "Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs" (see para. 32 below, draft decision I).

Membership of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East

22. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft decision II, entitled "Membership of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East" (see para. 32 below, draft decision II).

Venue of the Sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean

23. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee postponed taking action on draft decision III, entitled "Venue of the Sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean".

24. At the 13th meeting, on 19 July, statements were made by the representative of Chile and the observer for the Dominican Republic.

25. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see para. 32 below, draft decision III).

Reconvened session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

26. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft decision IV, entitled "Reconvened session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs" (see para. 32 below, draft decision IV).

27. After the draft decision was adopted, the representative of the United States of America made a statement.

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board

28. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft decision V, entitled "Report of the International Narcotics Control Board" (see para. 32 below, draft decision V).

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

29. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee adopted draft decision VI, entitled "Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs" (see para. 32 below, draft decision VI).

Update of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control

30. At the 12th meeting, on 16 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the Council that it take note of the note by the Secretary-General on the update of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (see para. 32 below, draft decision VII).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

31. The Social Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS I-IX, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (E/1993/29), CHAP. I, SECT. A]

32. The Social Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT DECISIONS I, II AND IV-VI, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (E/1993/29), CHAP. I, SECT. B]

DRAFT DECISION III

Venue of the Sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean

The Economic and Social Council decides that the venue of the Sixth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, will be the Dominican Republic.

DRAFT DECISION VII

Update of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control

The Economic and Social Council, takes note of the note by the Secretary-General on the update of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control.